

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 00-713-I15)

In re Application of:)
Mirkin et al.) Examiner: Jezia Riley
Serial No.: 09/975,059) Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: October 11, 2001) Confirmation No. 2661
For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action dated September 29, 2003, of the primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 433-443, 458-465, 474 and 476-486.

The item(s) checked below are applicable:

- 1. [X] An extension of time (one month) to respond to the final rejection is required: a petition and fee of \$220.00 are enclosed.
- [X] A timely response to the final rejection has been filed as provided in 841
 O.G. 1411.
- 3. [X] Fee \$165.00
 - [X] Enclosed
 - [] Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
 - [X] Charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 28, 2004

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